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In re Patent Application of:

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TITLE: A BIFURCATED STENT
FOR PERCUTANEOUS
ARTERIALIZATION OF THE
CORONARY SINUS AND
RETROGRADE PERFUSION
OF THE MYOCARDIUM

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.115**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Entry of the following amendments prior to examination of this application is requested in accordance with 37 CFR §1.115. Applicant files herewith a Preliminary Amendment to include an Abstract. An Official action has not been received by Applicant, and the following amendment does not add new matter.

Please amend the specification to insert the following:

--ABSTRACT

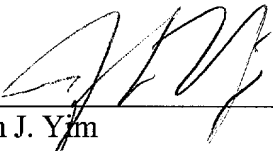
The present invention provides a novel bifurcated stent for providing retrograde flow of oxygenated blood from the left ventricle to the myocardium via the coronary sinus without a significant or deleterious left-to-right shunt. The present invention includes a main covered stent and a side limb, generally contemplating a Y or a T shaped bifurcated stent.--

REMARKS

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number set out below if there are any questions or suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,

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